

ISRAEL TRIPS



Day Schools, Hebrew
Schools, Synagogues,
and More!

WHO IS YOUNG JUDAEA



For over 110 years, Young Judaea has united thousands of Jewish teens and students from diverse backgrounds across the United States and around the world. These participants share a commitment to Jewish values, Jewish pride, and love for Israel, forming strong bonds.

Young Judaea operates as a Zionist, pluralistic movement with no political or religious affiliations. Our primary mission is to strengthen Jewish and Zionist identity through engaging activities in Israel and North America. We maintain a close partnership with Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America, which generously sponsors our programs.

We offer a wide range of informal and formal summer and year-round programs in both the US and Israel, catering from pre-K to college and beyond. Young Judaea is known for providing a fun, meaningful, and secure social environment while emphasizing education, leadership development, and social action. This approach has produced confident Jewish leaders, forging lasting friendships within the Jewish community and empowering them to make a meaningful impact locally and globally.

With over 70 years of experience in Israel, our programs include summer programs for teenagers, Year Course (a gap year program), Onward Israel programs, Amirim (summer internships and volunteer programs), and IsraelPro (internships for young professionals). We also collaborate on specialized programs with partners worldwide.

Young Judaea Israel is headquartered in Tel Aviv, with a main campus accommodating nearly seventy participants. Our organization maintains a dedicated headquarters in Tel Aviv, complete with a highly-experienced logistics department.

We eagerly look forward to collaborating with you as partners, sharing our experiences, passion, and resources to help you achieve your programming goals!



WHY YOUNG JUDAEA



Unparalleled Service From Orientation to Follow Up



Unbeatable Price And Value



Educational Excellence



65+ Years Of Israel Journeys



Pluralist Approach



Jewish Teen Programming Experts

The Experience

The Young Judaea Israel experience is a profound journey into Jewish peoplehood, Israeli society, history, and culture. Our tailor-made programs create lifelong memories. Our unique approach to pluralistic Zionism ensures that everyone feels at home with Young Judaea. Our dedicated staff collaborates closely with our partners: schools, synagogues, and Jewish institutions. Together, we build a customized itinerary that brings Israel to life for students. This itinerary combines the classic Israel tour with innovative educational adventures and meaningful encounters with real Israelis, many of whom are alumni of our programs. We also offer an optional orientation and follow-up led by our staff at your school. This helps sustain the impact of the experience and integrates the lessons into the students' lives at home.

Guides And Educators

Young Judaea maintains a highly experienced, long-serving staff of educators who contribute to all our programs to ensure participants have the best possible educational experience. In alignment with our pluralistic Jewish and Zionist mission, these educators span a broad political and religious spectrum, enhancing the diversity of the programs for which we provide educational materials. We collaborate with experienced, licensed tour guide educators and a faculty of experts in their respective fields who have many years of experience working with various populations.

Safety And Security

The safety and security of our clients, partners, and participants are our primary concerns. Young Judaea has a designated security officer and committee that constantly reviews and updates our security procedures. We also consult with the Head of Security of the Israeli Society for the Protection of Nature, which is the agency responsible for field trips throughout the country. Our consultant maintains daily contact with all of Israel's security services. Young Judaea may, at times, implement security measures that exceed those recommended by the Israeli security authorities if, in collaboration with our partners, it is deemed necessary.

EDUCATIONAL PHILOSOPHY

Our programs cater to diverse age groups and backgrounds, offering a range of durations and intensities, all built upon a common ideological foundation rooted in the guiding principles of our movement.

ISRAEL

Building a connection and commitment to the Jewish land, people, and society that allows for constructive criticism and fosters a desire to engage in its betterment.



JUDAISM

Whether cultural or religious, we seek to foster a sense of meaning and connection to the ethics, traditions, and aspirations of our Jewish heritage.

PLURALISM

We cultivate an environment where the diversity of Jewish peoplehood and community are valued at the highest level.



LEADERSHIP

Encouraging participants to understand their place in the chain of Jewish continuity and the need for effective leadership and community building.

TIKKUN OLAM

A commitment to making a difference in a variety of social, political, cultural and religious realms, along with the development of strategies and skills to do so.



SAMPLE ITINERARY

DAY 1 | Arrival

Meet Young Judea trip leaders at the airport and travel up to Jerusalem. Our first stop will be the Hass Promenade, which offers a breathtaking overlook of Jerusalem and serves as the perfect spot for the group's welcome orientation to Israel.

Accommodation: Jerusalem

DAY 3 | Yad Vashem, Har Herzl, Negev

Spend a meaningful day confronting the tragedies of the Holocaust at Yad Vashem before visiting Har Herzl to learn about the accomplishments and sacrifice of Israel's military and political heroes. Head south to the Negev to ride camels and have s'mores at a bonfire under the stars.

Accommodation: Kfar Nokdim Bedouin Tent

DAY 5 | Shabbat

We'll have optional services available in the morning before taking a walking tour in some of Jerusalem's most beautiful and historical neighborhoods, taking advantage of the relaxed Shabbat atmosphere to get ready for the non-stop week ahead. Spend the evening out downtown on the popular Ben Yehuda Street pedestrian mall.

Accommodation: Jerusalem

DAY 7 | Golan & Jordan River

Go as north as you can in Israel with a tour of the Golan and a jeep ride up Mt. Bental, learning about the military history in the region. Then, a classic kayak down the Jordan river! We'll cook lunch outdoors before heading to the mystical city of Tzfat.

Accommodation: North

DAY 9 | Tel Aviv

Spend the day giving back to communities in need through volunteer work in Tel Aviv with several different options. Then learn about Tel Aviv's status as a global high-tech hub while touring various companies and learning more about Israel's reputation as "Start-Up Nation." Finish up with an evening out in the city.

Accommodation: Tel Aviv

DAY 2 | Jerusalem

Take in the history of the Jewish quarter, trek through the ancient Hezekiah Tunnel, tour the City of David, and visit the Kotel. Finish off an incredible day with a Segway tour and an activity learning about Israel's complex political situation.

Accommodation: Jerusalem

DAY 4 | Masada & Dead Sea

Rise before the sun and hike to the top of Masada, the site of one of the Jewish people's most infamous stories. Then cover up in some Dead Sea mud before floating in the saltiest sea in the world! We'll travel back up to Jerusalem for a visit to Mahane Yehuda, the city's colorful outdoor marketplace, and then prepare for Shabbat in the holy city. Services optional.

Accommodation: Jerusalem

DAY 6 | Galilee

After heading north, hike the beautiful Mt. Arbel with incredible views of the Galilee at the top of its high cliffs. Then descend to the Kinneret where we'll have an afternoon of fun in the water.

Accommodation: North

DAY 8 | Akko & Caesarea

Take in the incredible Crusader ruins of Old Akko and learn about the city's fascinating history as a port thousands of years old, then travel to Caesarea to learn about the Roman presence in Ancient Israel. We'll meet Israeli teens for an encounter activity in Tel Aviv.

Accommodation: Tel Aviv

DAY 10 | L'hitraot!

What better way to say goodbye to Israel than with free time at one of Tel Aviv's most colorful spots, Shuk HaCarmel? Wander down Nachalat Binyamin on a walking tour through the city's historic and hip neighborhoods before a visit to the ancient port city of Jaffa. Finally, hit the famous Tel Aviv beaches before it's time to head to the airport and return home! L'hitraot!



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“We’re getting ready for our third trip with Young Judaea for our 9th and 10th graders. They develop a trip with our students in mind, they accommodate any special needs of our students, they respond to our requests for changes from year to year, and we always love our tour guide,! Young Judaea staff are easy to work with, and they take care of everything from the moment we get through security until it’s time to say goodbye.”

-Cantor Paula Pepperstone, Director Rabbi, Jacob H. Epstein School of Jewish Studies Syracuse, New York